



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1871.

KE-KLUX.—Since the return to Washington of a portion of the Ku-Klux Committee, which recently went to South Carolina, a publication has been circulating giving the most "sensational" accounts of testimony said to have been taken before them in relation to reported "outrages." Judge Van Trump, one of the Committee, has "pronounced that publication to be untrue in many essential particulars and a perversion of facts in others, evidently colored with the purpose of producing a partisan and false impression." He states that in the counties where acts of violence have occurred on both sides, "the whites and blacks are nearly equally divided in population, and the carpet-bag rule, by which the black man is forcibly put over the white man, has produced a bad, and even dangerous state of feeling. The poor whites are mostly aggrieved at an oppression which is intended to make them the inferiors. He further states that the testimony given was of the lowest kind, and utterly unworthy of belief. The witnesses were attracted by the fee of \$2 per diem, and in many cases were evidently drilled for the occasion. At Spartanburg, large numbers of them were congregated in the postoffice, while waiting to be called as witnesses, and doubtless learned the lesson which was afterwards rehearsed substantially in the same words: "One of the principal witnesses, named Owen, on cross-examination admitted himself to be a thief. Congressman Wallace, who was put first by the House of Representatives, and then by stuffed ballots, in a district with 5,000 democratic majority, followed the committee everywhere, and was one of the active managers in getting up testimony. The Democratic members of the Ku-Klux committee in Washington anxious to take some evidence that had been promised, have secured a sub-committee to remain there for ten or twelve days. The two republican officials, United States marshal and district attorney of Arkansas, who were removed for prosecuting an indictment against Senator Clayton for a violation of the military election law, have again been summoned, and are expected to testify before this sub-committee.

As was stated in the telegraphic dispatches, published yesterday, there is considerable fear in England that the cholera may move westward from Russia, and the sanitary authorities are already taking precautions against the plague. Several cases are reported to have been discovered at Harb, which are inferred to have been the result of the stoppage of German immigrants at that port on their way to America. Too much caution at our own Atlantic port, cannot be exercised to prevent the disease from reaching us in the same manner. Paris dispatches state that it has made its appearance in the south of France. Nothing should be left undone to guard against the disease. Cities and towns should keep free from everything calculated to spread the cholera, if it should reach the United States.

President Grant returned to Washington yesterday, and a meeting of Cabinet was held. It is believed that within the next few days Commissioner Pleasonton will be relieved from the Department of Internal Revenue and succeeded by Mr. J. W. Douglas, now Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Felix H. Brunot, of Pittsburgh, was appointed Indian Commissioner, and it was resolved to tender to Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, the appointment as our member of the Board of Arbitration under the Treaty of Washington, which is to meet at Geneva.

A riot occurred at Porto Rico, in the West Indies, on the 25th ult., during the performance of some music in a public square. Some colored people threw stones at the soldiers, who then drew their sabres and charged on the blacks, killing two. Two others were badly wounded. One is expected to be shot next week. The Captain General proclaimed martial law, and the troops patrolled the streets and searched the houses for arms. These demonstrations are the result of the late elections. Rumors are current of a disturbance in Mayaguez.

The Prince of Wales and his brother, Prince Arthur, were entertained at the banquet of the Agricultural Society at Dublin, yesterday. Both the Princes made suitable responses to the toast to the Queen and royal family. In reply to a petition from the Irish Amnesty Committee for her intervention for the release of Fenian prisoners, the Princess Louise said, that the question of pardon was with the Government only; that she could do nothing.

The Richmond Enquirer says there is a growing indisposition on the part of mankind to hear long speeches. "In fact, the orator, out of the pulpit, exerts in this day little influence on the affairs of the world. Men have no time now to listen to curls or clap-trap; they demand ideas expressed in few words." The Enquirer says that the same feeling with regard to long newspaper articles, prevails more and more, every day.

The New York Commercial says that it is not nearness to the sea coast that makes the commerce of a city. "The most advanced inland port on a navigable stream will always command commerce through its nearness to the point of consumption." This is the great natural advantage that Alexandria has.

The report that a strike is in existence among the miners in the Western Maryland coal regions, is emphatically denied by a dispatch from Cumberland.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

A very curious phenomenon was witnessed on Lake Winnepesaukee, Sunday P. M., by two men anchored off Rattlesnake Island in a small boat. There was scarcely a breath of air stirring, and the surface of the lake was unaffected by even a ripple, when the centre of the lake suddenly appeared to sink, and immediately following three large waves—the largest over five feet in height—dashed over the rocks of the island, for a moment threatening the destruction of the boat.

The President of the National Labor Union has issued a call for the fifth annual Convention of the Union to be held in St. Louis, on the 7th of August. The same organization has called a political convention, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on the third Wednesday in October, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

Mrs. N. J. Saresis, of Carson, Nevada, arrived at Stockton last night, and learning that her husband was staying at a hotel with another woman, she went to their room and shot the woman three times with a revolver, inflicting mortal wounds. Mrs. S. and her husband were arrested and lodged in jail.

The Newark Advertiser is authority for the statement that Charles Geiger, trunk maker, married, father of three children, has eloped with a widow from Alexandria, named Hoess, who resided in Newark last autumn, and opened a beer establishment, which has had a large custom.

The camp meeting at Emory Grove, a few miles distant from Baltimore on the Western Maryland Railroad, commenced yesterday. A majority of the Methodist Episcopal churches of the city are represented, there being about six hundred tents and two thousand persons on the ground.

Baron von Schlosser, the newly appointed Minister from Germany, and Mr. Henry Westenberg, Minister from the Netherlands, were officially presented to President Grant yesterday. The remarks on both sides were specially peaceful and complimentary.

The town of Point-a-Pitre, on the French West India island of Guadeloupe, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on the 18th of July. Three thousand people were rendered homeless. In 1843 the same town was levelled to the ground by an earthquake.

A terrific thunder storm passed over Haverhill, Mass., and vicinity, on Monday afternoon. Four barns were struck by lightning and set on fire. One of them was consumed and several valuable horses perished.

The Board of Visitors of the Baltimore City Jail yesterday unanimously signed a petition to Governor Bowie recommending that Leah Scarborough, the girl now under sentence to death for infanticide, be pardoned.

An unknown man was found in West Haven Conn., with his throat cut and mouth filled with rats. He was murdered last night. The whole thing is a mystery.

The wedding of Miss Throckmorton, who was married a few days since in New York, cost twenty-nine thousand dollars in gold.

Miss Phoebe Cary, sister of the late Alice Cary, died in New York yesterday.

The yellow fever was raging at Vera Cruz on the 24th ult.

CAPITALISTS IN VIRGINIA.—The rapid progress towards completion by the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad company is attracting the attention of capitalists and investors, both here and in Europe, not only to the bonds of that company, but to the iron and coal properties which the railroad brings into market. Several gentlemen from Great Britain of wealth and influence, and largely interested in the iron trade here, are at present in Virginia for the purpose of inspecting lands which they propose to buy and bring into immediate use in the manufacture of iron. Count de Fleury, formerly Austrian Ambassador in Italy, is now in this city on his way to Virginia, where he owns about one hundred thousand acres of land. The Virginia International Land, Loan and Trust company has also made some important arrangements for bringing into the market its 50,000 acres of land along the line of the Norfolk and Great Western railroad company. Mr. Garney, the well-known banker from Chicago, has accepted the office of president in the Virginia International company, and Col. Lamb of the Allan Steamship Line, sailing between Europe and Norfolk, Va., is elected treasurer and manager of the company's office in Norfolk. Col. McKaye, vice president, will soon sail for Europe to take charge of the company's office in London, and to assist in directing the Continent of Europe for obtaining contracts of the better class, and possessed of means to buy and settle on the company's lands. The market values of iron and coal properties in West Virginia have advanced two and three times the prices at which they were held last year. The Chesapeake and Ohio railroad will be completed and running to the Ohio river before July 1, of next year. The influx of wealthy capitalists this summer into Virginia from Europe, as well as New York and Pennsylvania, promises active progress in developing the iron and coal interests of the State. A railroad is proposed and has been surveyed to run from Harrisburg to East Tennessee, passing through Covington, along Potomac Creek Valley near the Old Sweet Springs, and through some of the richest iron lands in Virginia. Some years ago, Covington was a place of some consequence when the company's railroad shops were located there, and it is likely to be taken hold of again by some European capitalists and iron-masters now negotiating for the purchase of iron lands in its vicinity. —N. J. World, 25th ult.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—Miss Laura Shanks, a native of St. Mary's county, Maryland, but for the past year a resident of Washington, where she was regarded as a most beautiful woman, committed suicide last evening by taking laudanum. She was rendered unhappy by a disappointment in a love affair, with a young man to whom she was engaged, and who, it is said, broke the engagement.

The hearing of the application for an injunction against the Governor and other officers of the District Government, to prevent their issuing bonds, under the \$4,000,000 act of the Legislative Assembly, was partially argued yesterday before Judge Wiley in special term.

The feast of the Germania Schuetzen Association, at their new park, (Giles's woods), which commenced on Monday, was well attended and was again through yesterday with pleasure seekers.

FIRST NARROW-GAUGE RAILROAD IN VIRGINIA.—Mr. Richard B. Roane, of Charles City county, chief engineer of the proposed railroad to be built by the Railroad Iron company, in Pulaski county, will leave this city tomorrow for a point on the Virginia and Tennessee railroad, about ten miles below Dublin, for the purpose of making the final survey of the road before letting out the contracts for different sections of the work. This road is strictly a private enterprise on the part of the iron company above mentioned. It will be narrow-gauged—two and a half feet wide—and will run through the iron region of Pulaski—said to be the richest in the State—to the company's furnaces, and beyond to Carroll county, a distance of eighteen miles. —State Journal.

A FEARFUL LEAP FOR LIBERTY.—Joseph K. Turner, the Tennessee lawyer who was convicted a few days ago in the U. S. Court, at Erie, Pennsylvania, of attempting to defraud the Government out of a large amount of pension money, on Wednesday performed an act which entitles him to take immediate rank among the most daring criminals that the age has produced. On Tuesday evening, Judge McCandless sentenced the prisoner to five years imprisonment in the penitentiary and a fine of \$1,000, &c. The prisoner heard the sentence with some emotion. He was taken back to prison where he remained until morning, when at 10 o'clock on Wednesday the officials of the court started for Pittsburgh, Turner accompanying them in the custody of Deputy Marshals Campbell and Hall.

The prisoner was handcuffed in the most secure manner, and seemed to be perfectly easy in his bearing. The deputy marshals stayed with him until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when Hall walked into the sleeping car and left Turner in charge of Campbell. The prisoner soon after asked permission to walk up and down the aisle of the car. As he had been sitting down four consecutive hours the request seemed natural, and Turner wearing eyeglasses of the strongest make, it was not for a moment supposed that he would try to escape. After a little walking the prisoner walked into the closet; Campbell followed him to the door. Some ten or twelve minutes elapsed and Turner not reappearing, Campbell opened the door of the closet, but no Turner was there. He had jumped through the window handcuffed, and all as he was.

The train was stopped as soon as possible, and both the deputy marshals alighted to look for their man. The police at Greenville, Mezer county, the nearest station, were telegraphed to look out for him, but District Attorney Swope, who arrived home at 6 o'clock last evening, has not yet been advised of his capture. One of the passengers on the train stated that they saw a man with his hand tied, gathering himself up from the track. This is the only instance of a sight of Turner, having been obtained after he entered the closet.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—The activity with which the Potomac Road is being pushed forward in the lower counties, has again given rise to the statement that "the Potomac is to be bridged" (2) at Pope's Creek, and that this route, which is much shorter than the Washington route, is to be made the main stem of the Southern line of the great Pennsylvania corporation. If this be the case, it is singular that the Pennsylvania Central should be spending money on its connection between Washington and Alexandria, and on the construction of its new road between Alexandria and Quantico Creek. Even if a bridge (2) were built at Pope's Creek, Frederickburg would still be in the direct line to Richmond, and the Pennsylvania Central would be no nearer its great object, that of outflanking the Richmond and Fredericksburg Road, than before. The Pennsylvania Central will necessarily be forced, within the next six months, either to purchase the Virginia Road, which is in its way, or to build a new one from Quantico Creek to Richmond, parallel with it. Building an immense bridge over the Potomac will not alter the situation, for as this is concerned, and it does seem very improbable that a third road should be constructed through a country where, until traffic is developed, there will hardly be business enough to support two. —Balt. Gazette.

DIAMOND SUIT.—St. Louis, July 28. A Jackson, Illinois, correspondent of the Democrat, says a suit involving probably nearly a million of dollars was commenced to-day in the Morgan county Circuit Court, by Rebecca W. Vail, Wm. H. Carson, Nancy Roe, Mary Baker, and eight others, against Kitty Flynn, Thomas M. Carson, Thos. Roe, and fourteen others. The bill alleges that on a day to be remote to be mentioned with certainty, but about one hundred years ago, one A. M. Roe, of the State of Virginia, became possessed by the discovery of a certain precious stone, remarkable for its hardness and brilliancy, and so far as has been tested, its characteristics are those of a diamond of the first water; that this stone is one and one-half inch in diameter one way, and something greater the other way, and is of eight hundred thousand dollars value; and that this stone is now in the possession of Thos. M. Carson, of Jacksonville. The plaintiffs ask that the defendants be compelled to bring this gem into court, and a receiver be appointed by the court to sell it and distribute the proceeds among the heirs. The value of this stone was but recently ascertained, although it has been in possession of Wm. Roe and heirs over a century.

THE ARBORESCENT GRASSES constitute one of the most beautiful adornments of tropical vegetation. These grasses belong chiefly to the Bambusa (bamboo) and other relatives general in India the seeds of the bamboo are mixed with honey and eaten like rice. In South America an arborescent grass, the gigantea Guadua, attains a height from 50 to 60 feet. Another species, a powerful climbing grass, twines around the trunks of large trees, reaching to their tops. A species of cane (Arundinacea) grows in large tufts, reaching a height of 30 to 40 feet, of which the first joint rises without a knot to a height of 10 feet before it begins to bear leaves. These joints being hollow, are used as blowing tubes by the Indians, for the discharge of their arrows. Even in the Southern United States the stalks of a bamboo furnish fishing rods of the best description.

The Alexandria and Washington city road is now in a sad state; it is almost impossible to get along. It would appear as if the track of another railroad is being made, or something very like one, yet the turnpike company would lead us to believe that such is not the case, while the officials of the Pennsylvania Central railroad are employed on the work. What can it mean? Is the only direct communication between Alexandria and Washington to be made through the turnpike—the only pleasant road in the district? If more railroads are wanted, by all means let us have them, for we have plenty of land suitable for railroads, but why destroy the turnpikes? Besides, the turnpike company have no power to sell or transfer it for any other purpose than a turnpike road, and will our community be bamboozled by railroads or other companies? Surely not. Are we to be shut out from a pleasant drive, which in time may be the means of uniting Washington and Alexandria, and permit railroads, and other corporations, to injure us? If we do, we shall have many years leisure for regret. When will Alexandria city learn to know the many advantages its position possesses? Perhaps when it has lost them!

I would beg leave to suggest, through the columns of the Gazette, to my fellow young men of Alexandria, the propriety of organizing a debating society. Such a society, in my humble opinion, if properly organized and conducted, would not only be an agreeable and exemplary manner of spending our "hours of idleness," but also a source of vast profit and improvement. Besides, we have just displayed our military genius in the formation of a volunteer company, which, for most of the qualifications that distinguish the soldier will compare favorably with any similar organization in the State, and now let us show the public what we can do in a forensic and oratorical way. While I never heard a man complain of the moments he had spent in debate, I have heard numbers recite that in the earlier days they were denied the advantage of a debating society, the school in which the primary lessons of that course which finishes a man for any official place are learned. Let us have a debating society! Why not? L. E. P.

[COMMUNICATED.]

UNWRITTEN POETRY.

Tis in the rainbow's varied hues,
That spans the vaults on high;
Its lines are read in every star,
That twinkles in the sky.
Tis seen in every blade of grass,
It starts from every flower;
It lingers near the rippling stream,
And in the falling shower.
Tis in the mighty forest trees,
That bend beneath the blast;
Tis in the storm enveloped sea,
The ship with breaking mast.
Tis traced in every dew drop,
That sparkles in the sun;
And in the early dawn of morn,
When day has just begun.
Tis in the calm, sweet Sabbath morn,
And in the silent prayer,
That's borne aloft on faith's strong wings,
True poetry is there.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., AUGUST 1.

[COMMUNICATED.]

MARRIED.

At Buena Vista, the residence of the bride's mother, on the 13th of July, 1871, by Rev. Lewis W. Walker, Mr. HUGH THOMAS NELSON, of Winchester, Va., to MARY J., daughter of the late Richard J. Gilliam, of Potomac county, Virginia.

At Christ's Church, Bruton parish, on Tuesday morning, August 1st, by Rev. Thomas M. Ambler, ROBERT A. BRIGHT, of Williamsburg, to NANNIE, youngest daughter of Col. John D. Munford, of the same city.

[COMMUNICATED.]

DIED.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., WILLIAM HENRY, infant son of William and Virginia N. Fisher, aged 9 months and 29 days.

We had a little Willie once,
His gentle spirit's fled;
He sweetly sleeps with Jesus,
Among the silent dead.
Oh, little is it thus to part,
But why should we complain?
For hope still whispers in my heart,
That we shall meet again.

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VIRGINIA.

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 21st day of July, 1871, The Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, plaintiff against Samuel M. Stenhouse, Robert B. Baldwin, and James S. French, defendants. In remembrance of the object of this suit is to compel the defendants to litigate their respective demands to the dividends on 997 1/2 shares of stock in the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, which is claimed by each of the defendants, and to obtain a decree disposing of the same, and in the mean time to stay any proceedings in and for the recovery of said dividend of and from the plaintiff until otherwise directed and ordered by this Court.

The defendants, Samuel M. Stenhouse, and Robert B. Baldwin, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that they are not residents of this State, it is ordered, that the said defendants be and they are hereby summoned to appear before this Court, after the publication of this order, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, on a week for four consecutive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.

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